Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

Prelims: *Current events of national and international importance*

Why in News?

Recently, APEDA organized a conclave to strengthen the Agri-exports from Assam and improve market access for agricultural and organic products.

- **Aim –** APEDA is a statutory body for the ***Promotion and development of exports*** of agricultural and processed food products.
- **Established under -** The APEDA Act of 1985.
- **Established in –** 1986.
- **Nodal Ministry –** ***Ministry of Commerce and Industry***, Government of India.
- **Core Responsibilities**
  - **Development & Promotion –** Development of industries related to scheduled products and promotion of export-oriented production.
  - **Registration & Standards –** Registration of exporters and fixing export standards and specifications.
  - **Quality Control –** Inspection of meat and meat products to ensure quality.
  - **Marketing & Packaging –** Improvement of packaging and marketing of scheduled products.
  - **Data & Training –** Collection and publication of statistics and training in industries connected with scheduled products.
  - **Organic Certification –** Implementation of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).
- **Key Scheduled Products**
  - **Cereals –** Rice, wheat, other cereals
  - **Fruits and Vegetables**
  - **Processed Food –** Processed fruits, vegetables, spices, animal products, confectionery.
  - **Animal Products –** Milk, meat, eggs

    - **Organic Products –** Organic agricultural and food products
    - Various millets, cashew nuts & its products, and groundnut.
    - **Alcoholic Beverages –** Beer, wine, whisky, rum, gin, brandy
    - **Floriculture & Seeds –** Flowers, floriculture products, seeds.
- **Current Leadership & Network –** It comprises a chairman, representatives from Central Ministries, Parliament, States/UTs, research institutions, export promotion councils, industry representatives, and specialists.
- **Chairman –** Shri Abhishek Dev.
- **Headquarters –** New Delhi.
- **Presence –** Head office and 16 regional offices across agro-potential states of India.
- **Recent Initiatives – BHARATI Startup Challenge –** Aims to build globally competitive Indian agri and processed food products.
- In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat, Vocal for Local, Digital India, and Start-Up India, through shortlisting *100 startups for export acceleration* programme.
- **Regional Expansion –** APEDA organizes capacity building programmes and trade meets all over the country to encourage exports and facilitate the doubling of farmers' income.
- **Global Market Access –** APEDA helps Indian agricultural products reach new global markets like Europe, Asia, Latin America, and countries such as Iraq, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia.

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